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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT PRIORITY

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SUBJ: MUSCAT SECURITY IMPROVEMENT

REF ; (A) KUWAIT 1459; (B) STATE 87744

1. WE HAVE TALKED TO QUINLAN AND UNDERSTAND THAT EMBASSY KUWAIT NOW HAS CONTRACTORS FIRM ESTIMATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS RENOVATIONS AT MUSCAT AND THAT IT AMALGAMATED WITH ESTIMATE FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS LISTED KUWAIT 1459 PARA ONE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE BREAK- OUT COMMUNICATIONS PORTION OF CONTRACTORS ESTIMATE FOR WORK, SEND IN TOTAL ESTIMATE.

2. COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENT WILL BE FUNDED BY OC AND THAT ESTIMATE IS URGENTLY REQUIRED. THE BUREAU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDING SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SHORT- TERM LEASED BUILDINGS AND HAS PENDING FOR DECISION YOUR TELEGRAPHIC ESTIMATE OF DOLS. 16,750 FOR MUSCAT BUILDING. WE FEEL WE CANNOT ACT ON THAT REQUEST UNTIL WE HAVE A TELEGRAPHIC REPLY TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF STATE 87744 WHICH REQUESTS GULF AND KUWAIT OPERATIONAL FUNDS REQUIREMENTS OVER- ALL INCLUDING FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, FOR BALANCE OF FISCAL YEAR.

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3. WE ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CURRENT FUNDS,
POSITION AT KUWAIT AND IN GULF POSTS. WE WANT TO FINISH
OUT FUNDING FOR ROUTINE OPERATIONS THIS FISCAL YEAR AS
FIRST STEP. AS SECOND STEP WE WOULD LIKE (A) TO PROVIDE

FUNDS FOR FURTHER ESSENTIAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT
PROCUREMENT AND/ OR (B) TOTAL REMAINING FUNDS REQUIREMENT
FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT MUSCAT, ABU DHABI, DOHA AND
MANAMA BUT CANNOT DO SO WITHOUT KNOWING WHOLE PICTURE.
WE REQUIRE YOUR COMMENTS RELATIVE TO PRIORITIES BETWEEN
POST OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
SO THAT WE MAY ALLOCATE AVAILABLE FUNDS TO ENABLE KUWAIT
AND GULF EMBASSIES TO MEET CURRENT GOALS. RUSH

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